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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. From 5 to 10 April 1951, it was observed that excavation work at Cottbus airfield was being done on a stretch extending as far as the Lukasfeld toward the east. A transformer station was removed to be rebuilt farther to the north. A three-story house on Burger Chaussee was likewise dismantled. The landing field was extended beyond the railroad line. However, the trains on this line, the so-called Spreewald Bahn, were still operating. \*
2. The terrain in front of the runway at the west side of the landing field was being levelled. Excavations up to 1.2 meters deep were observed there. The fuel dump on Burger Chaussee was also being enlarged. On 5 April, four large containers were seen in the fenced-in fuel dump area. By 8 April, these containers had been dug in. Another container of the same size was seen on 9 and 10 April. \*\*
3. The field was still occupied by a unit equipped with twin-engine planes. Night flying in good weather was observed. \*\*\*

- \*  Comment. The Lukasfeld is about 600 meters east of the railroad line. This indicates that the landing field would have a total length of about 3,000 meters.  the runway is scheduled to be extended to about 2,500 meters. 50X1-HUM
- \*\*  Comment.  10 fuel containers with a total capacity of about 30,000 liters were seen there on 27 March 1951. 50X1-HUM
- \*\*\*  Comment. A bomber regiment equipped with PE-2 aircraft is stationed at the field. 50X1-HUM

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